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These deliverables apply to this individual practice. For other planned practice deliverables refer to those specific Statements of Work.

DESIGN

Deliverables:

- 1. Design documentation that will demonstrate that the criteria in NRCS practice standard have been met and are compatible with other planned and applied practices.
- 2. Practice purpose(s) as identified in the conservation plan.
- 3. List of required permits to be obtained by the client.
- 4. List of facilitating practices
- 5. Practice standard criteria-related inventories and analyses to develop Upland Wildlife Habitat Management plans and specifications including but not limited to:
 - a. Resource inventories
 - b. Identification of wildlife targeted species and habitat requirements
- 6. Operation and maintenance plan
- 7. Written plans and specifications including sketches and drawings shall be provided to the client that adequately describes the requirements to install the practice and obtain necessary permits.
- 8. Certifications that the design meets practice standard criteria and comply with applicable laws and regulations
- 9. Design modifications during installation as required.
- 10. Design work shall be in accordance with the Maryland conservation practice standard. Plans shall be prepared in accordance with the <u>SUPPORTING DATA AND DOCUMENTATION</u>, <u>Planning Information</u>, <u>Field Data</u>, <u>and Survey Notes</u> and <u>Design Data</u> sections of the Conservation Practice standard.

INSTALLATION

Deliverables

- 1. Pre-application conference with client
- 2. Verification that client has obtained required permits
- 3. Application assistance
- 4. Facilitate and implement required upland wildlife habitat management plan modifications with client and original designer
- 5. Certification that the application process meets upland wildlife habitat management plan and permit requirements
- 6. Advise client/NRCS on compliance issues with all federal, state, tribal, and local laws, regulations and NRCS policies during installation.
- 7. Certification that the application process and materials meets design and permit requirements.
- 8. Check out and certification of the conservation practice shall be in accordance with the **SUPPORTING DATA AND DOCUMENTATION**, **Construction Check Data/ As-Built** section of the Conservation Practice standard.

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CHECK OUT

Deliverables

- 1. Records of application
 - a. Extent of practice units applied
- 2. Certification that the installation meets NRCS standards and specifications and is in compliance with permits
- 3. Progress reporting
- Check out and certification of the conservation practice shall be in accordance with the <u>SUPPORTING DATA</u>
 <u>AND DOCUMENTATION</u>, <u>Construction Check Data/ As-Built</u> section of the Conservation Practice
 standard.

REFERENCES

- NRCS Field Office Technical Guide (eFOTG), Section IV, Conservation Practice Standard Upland Wildlife Habitat Management – 645
- NRCS National Environmental Compliance Handbook
- NRCS Cultural Resources Handbook
- NRCS National Biology Manual
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Note: All references listed in the Reference section of the conservation practice standard apply.

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